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SUBJECT: LOCAL DISTURBANCES MARK ANNIVERSARY OF LAMBRAKIS
ASSASSINATION

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF MAY 23 FRONTPAGE REPORT
AND PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISTURBANCES DURING OBSERVANCES
PREVIOUS NIGHT MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATION
HERE IN 1963 OF LEFTIST DEPUTY GREGORIOS LAMBRAKIS.

2. CROWD OF APPROX 500-1000, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES
OF ALL MAJOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT NEW DEMOCRACY
AND MAOIST ZKKE, ASSEMBLED TO LAY WREATHS AT SITE
OF LAMBRAKIS KILLING DESPITE REFUSAL BY LOCAL POLICE
TO ISSUE PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR MEETING. ACCORDING TO
REPORT, STUDENTS RESPONDED WITH BRICKS AND STONES AS
POLICE ATTEMPTED TO DISSOLVE GROUP. IN SUBSEQUENT MELEE,
27 DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED AND ABOUT 15 PERSONS,
INCLUDING 2 POLICEMEN, SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATORS INVOLVED
WAS SMALL, THIS IS FIRST LOCAL INSTANCE OF OPEN
DEFIANCE OF REQUIREMENT IMPOSED AFTER APRIL 21 FOR
POLICE PERMISSION TO DEMONSTRATE OUTDOORS. STRONG
POLICE ACTION TO DISPERSE GROUP ALSO REPRESENTS APPARENT
CHANGE IN LOCAL SECURITY POLICY.

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